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1. The Regional (Krajska) Political School of the Communist Party in Rajecke Teplice is located in the Mala Fatra Hotel. A political school of this kind was established at the seat of each Region (Kraj); there are six such schools in Slovakia in the following cities: Bratislava, Zilina, Nitra, Banska Bystrica, Presov and Kosice. The schools are subordinated to the regional organization of the Communist Party. The purpose of the school is to build up cadres of new Party members.
2. The headmaster of the school in Rajecke Teplice was [June 1952] Dr Otton Oncak, 32 years old, height 180 centimeters, thin, blond hair, married, and a fanatical Communist Party member. He lived in the Mala Fatra Hotel. The members of the teachers' staff were:

Jan Kolar, teacher, 35 years old, height 160 centimeters, thin, blond hair, a fanatical Communist.

Jan Stibak, teacher, 32 years old, height 170 centimeters, medium build, black hair, a fanatical Communist.

There was also another teacher on the staff and a girl secretary-typist. I do not know the names of these persons.

3. The school had five short-term courses (each 14 days) and one long-term course of five months. In each of the short-term courses were 30 pupils, altogether 150 persons. The long-term course was attended by 56 pupils from the region of Zilina. Its members were mostly functionaries of the Communist Party including Jan Senkarik, chairman of the district organization of the Communist Party from Tuchov; and Jan Kuma, chairman of the United Agricultural Cooperative. Also attending were the following men from the Regional command of the State Security Police (S.B.) in Zilina:

Jan Milalik

Josef Kosik

Josef Krafcik

Josef Gabrilin

Jan Mihalica

Richard Gahr

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In addition, cadre officers, cultural officers and propaganda officers from the various Communist Party organizations attended the school. Among those participating in the course, there was a woman, Marie Chomova from Porubky, district Liptavsky Hradok.

4. All members of the course were accommodated in the school itself and were not permitted to leave the vicinity of Rajcke Teplice during the duration of the course. They were strictly forbidden to discuss the school subject matter with anyone. The male members of the course were forbidden to maintain any relations with women. They were permitted to visit their families once a fortnight. Leave was granted only for Sunday, and the members were required to return within 24 hours. Members could leave the school on Wednesday also. The school was guarded day and night by three members of the National Security Corps (SNB). No one was permitted to approach the vicinity of the school.

5. Daily Schedule of the Course:

Reveille at 0600 hours

Gymnastics in the yard of the hotel from 0600 to 0630 hours.

Breakfast from 0630 to 0700 hours with preparation for classes.

Summary of press news from 0700 to 0800 hours.

The summary of press news was organized as follows: The pupils who had to report on the news were required to prepare their report a day in advance. This report was given orally to all members of the course. No report could be longer than 15 minutes. After the report was given, a general discussion was introduced concerning the report itself, the form of presentation, the political significance of the report, the style of the report, the pronunciation of the reporter, the omissions, etc. The discussion was directed by a student who was supposed to report the next day.

Lectures by the teachers from 0800 to 1030 hours

Study 1030 to 1130

Lunch and free time from 1130 to 1400 hours

Study from 1400 to 1630 hours

Study in groups under the supervision of the chairman of such groups from 1630 to 1730 hours

Discussion in the presence of the teacher who lectured on the subject from 1730 to 1830 hours

Study, cultural program, or meeting of the Communist Party from 1930 to 2200 hours

Bedtime at 2230 hours

6. Each member of the course had to pass an examination and receive a certain number of points; in this way, the members were forced to study.

Subject matters taught at school were as follows:

- (a) Economics (eg what is production, material, labor, payment, labor value, six grades of human society, etc) This course was taught for two weeks, two to three hours a day.
- (b) Works of Marx and Engels, their lives, history of the French Revolution of 1848; labor movement in England (Chartism, Ludism, Poneycrafts etc); the consequences of the French Revolution in the world; history of the labor movement; 1st International, 2nd International, Czarist Russia and her history; Russo-Japanese War.
- (c) Lenin, his life history and work.
- (d) Russian Revolution of 1905-1907; the Revolution of 1917; World War I; the USSR, its economic system, legal system, etc; beginnings of the Czech labor movement in Austria-Hungary; reflexes of the Russian Revolution in the Czech Provinces in 1917.
- (e) History of the Czechoslovak Communist Party; New Constitution of Czechoslovakia; Defense and Protection of Czechoslovakia; the Kosice Program; the Czechoslovak Army; Capitalism and Socialism; Historical Materialism; lectures on the origins of human society.

7. The discipline in the Regional Political School was extremely strict. Some of the participants of the course were actively engaged in anti-religious activities - ie, they took down crucifixes from the walls and transformed them into the Tyrs' emblem of physical fitness. The woman member of the course, Marie Chomova, went to the local church, stole some flowers from the altar and decorated her room with these stolen flowers. However, this behavior caused considerable indignation among the other members of the course.

8. The participants of the course were sent also to collect signatures for the peace offensive from among the local population. As they did not find any cooperation among the people, they tried to get signatures by various kinds of pressure. The members were active mostly in such villages where there were great numbers of so-called "reactionaries".

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9. The members of the course were primarily workers without a great deal of intelligence; however, they were all absolutely devoted to the Communist regime. They took the lectures of their teachers very seriously and always obeyed orders. They took part in various trips organized by the school, eg Thirty Years of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, Prague Fair, concerts, model farms of the United Agricultural Cooperatives, etc.
10. The teachers were members of the various regional councils of the Communist Party who themselves were graduated from similar political schools; they included the following:
- (fnu) Perkovic; Chairman of the Regional Council of the Communist Party, the commander of the State Security Police (STB) from Zilina; the commander of the Regional Command of the National Security Corps (SNB) from Zilina; and Colonel Jani the garrison commander from Zilina.

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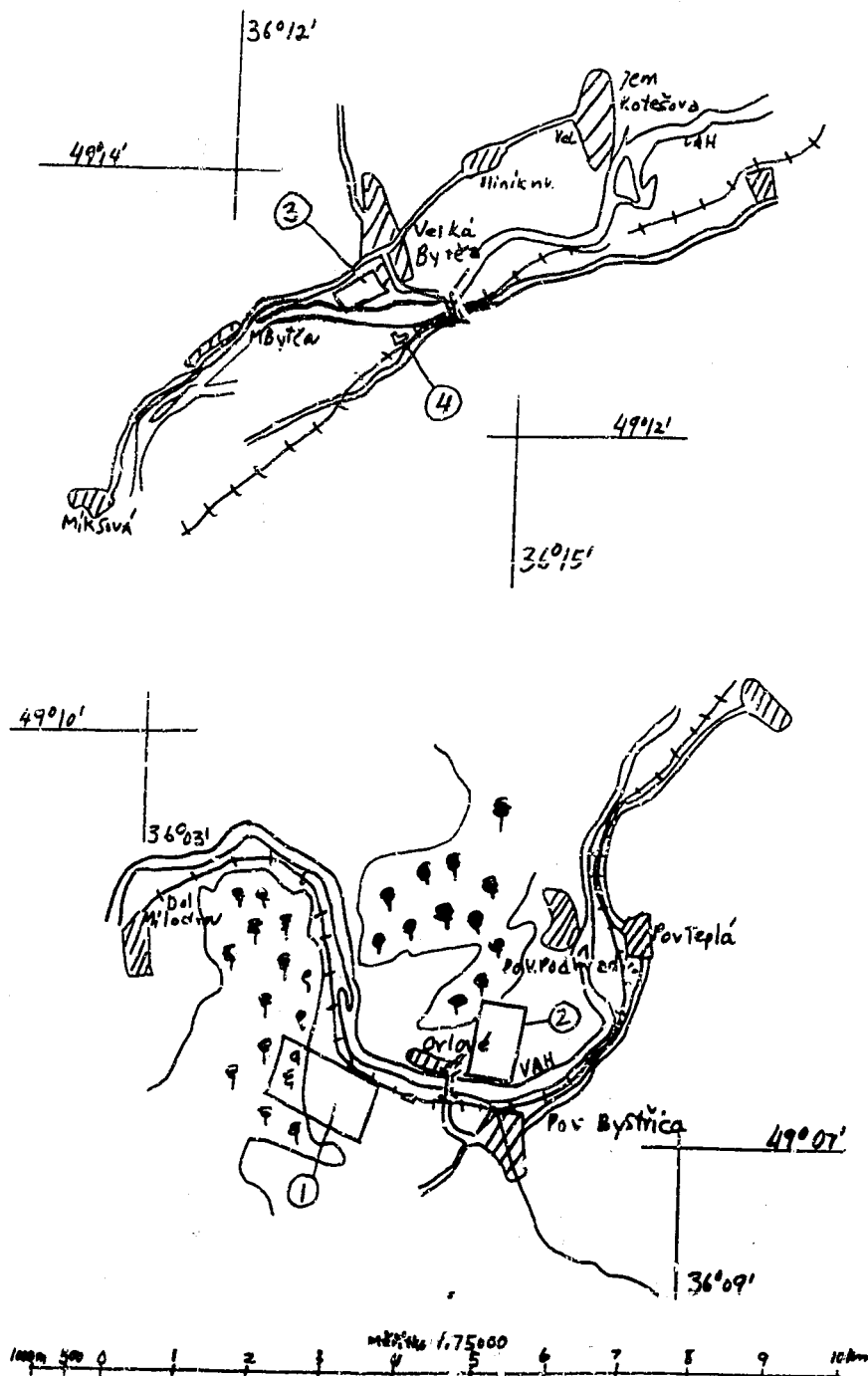
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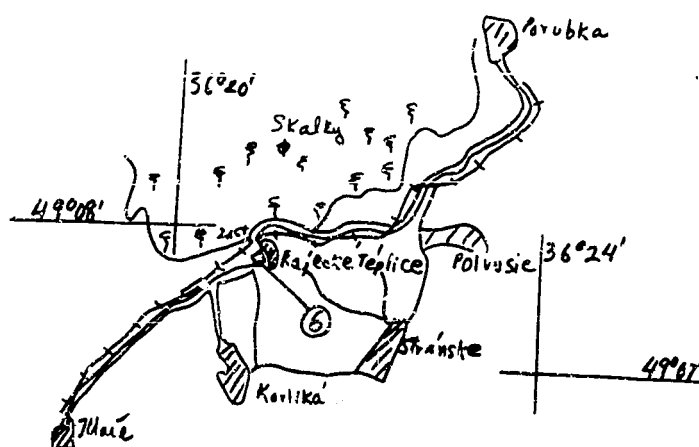
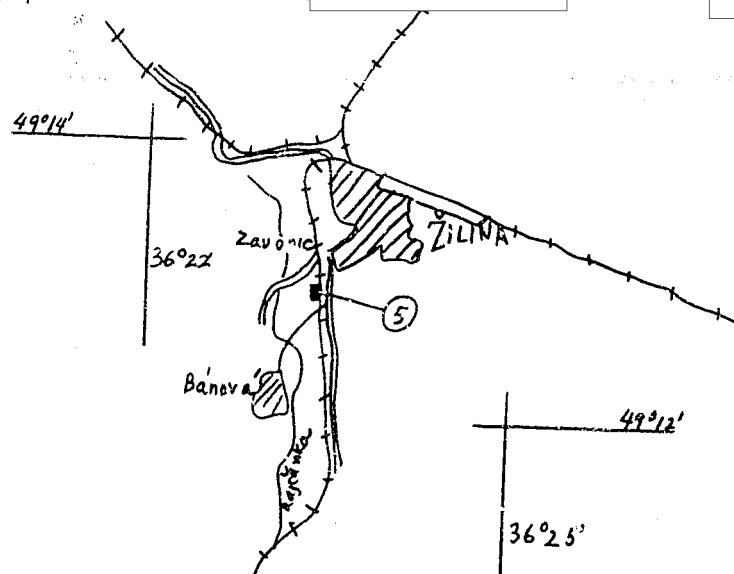


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## Legend

- 1... Povaské Strojirny (Vah Machinery Works), National Corporation, Klement Gottwald Plant in Povaské Bystrice
- 2... Factory airfield of the Povaské Strojirny in Povaské Bystrice. The airfield is grass-covered and is 1000 x 800 meters in size. In the summer of 1951, the construction of a new hangar was begun.
- 3... Jemna Mechanika (Precise Machinery) plant, National Corporation in Bytea.
- 4... Buildings of the Jemna Mechanika plant.
- 5... Stefanik barracks, built in 1941. The barracks consist of eight three-story buildings in which are accommodated an infantry regiment non-commissioned officers' school.
- 6... The Political School (Regional Political School of the Communist Party) in Bajeske Teplice.

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